



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **MINUTES**

### **COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Civic Center Plaza  
1200 Third Avenue, Floor 9, Suite 924  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **PAC Members Present**

Vicki Reed  
Larry Baza  
Joanne Hayakawa  
Kevin deFreitas  
Roman de Salvo  
Vernon Franck  
Mathieu Gregoire  
Lillian Perry  
Constance Y. White

#### **PAC Members Absent**

#### **Commission Staff Present**

Dana Springs

#### **PAC Ex Officio Members Present**

Chris Jones for Nancy Lytle  
Alissa Gabriel  
Kim Duclo  
Nazie Mansury

#### **PAC Ex Officio Members Absent**

Michelle Abella-Shon  
Lucy Contreras  
Alex Garcia  
Michael Marks  
Teresa Millette  
Bobbi Salvini  
Yvonne Wise

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#### **I. Call to Order & Welcome New Members**

The Public Art Committee (PAC) of the City of San Diego (City) Commission for Arts and Culture's (Commission) was called to order by Vicki Reed at 12:05 p.m.

#### **II. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

#### **III. Chair's Report**

1. Commission News – Reed reported that the Commission held a press conference on May 23, 2011 to announce the start of the Blue Star Museums Program, an initiative, co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) where museums across the country offer free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Reed reported that the Commission received the PAC's recommendation that the Executive Director of the Commission not accept the proposed donation of artwork by José Sacal Micha into the Civic Art Collection. The Executive Director has officially declined the proposed donation and notified the donor.

Reed reported that the Commission received the PAC's recommendation that the Executive Director of the Commission authorize the loan of up to three paintings (*Harbor Scene at Night* by Charles Reiffel; *Receding Tide* by Charles Reiffel; *Ship Yard* by Charles Reiffel) to The San Diego Museum of Art for the 2012-2013 Charles Reiffel retrospective exhibit. The Executive Director has officially authorized the loan and notified the borrower.

Reed reported that the action item pertaining to the proposed Civic Enhancement Fund Expenditure Policy on the Commission's June meeting agenda was postponed to a later Commission meeting due to a lack of quorum.

2. Report on FY12 Budget Proceedings – Reed reported that FY12 budget proceedings are still underway and four of eight Councilmembers have indicated support for a ten percent reduction to the Commission's budget. Reed reported that the San Diego Arts and Culture Coalition has implemented a campaign to advocate against the reduction.
3. Other Reports – Reed reported that Commissioner and PAC Vice Chair, Larry Baza, has been appointed by the mayor to serve as the City of San Diego's representative on the Port of San Diego Public Art Committee. Baza shared information about the new composition of the Port's Public Art Committee and the projects the committee is currently addressing.

#### IV. **ACTION – May 5, 2011 Minutes**

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent with abstentions by Mathieu Gregoire, Lillian Perry and Vernon Franck.

#### V. **ACTION – Request from Mingei International Museum to Borrow Artwork from City**

Dana Springs presented the staff analysis and the staff recommendation that up to two artworks owned by the City (*Creative Sun & Reflective Sun* by Jackson and Ellamarie Woolley) be loaned to the Mingei International Museum for the exhibition, *San Diego's Craft Revolution – From Post-War Modern to California Design*, scheduled for October 16, 2011 – April 15, 2012.

**Larry Baza made a motion** to approve the staff recommendation. **Roman de Salvo seconded** the motion. The vote was 9-0-0.

Yea: Reed, Baza, Hayakawa, deFreitas, de Salvo, Franck, Gregoire, Perry, White (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

Absent: (0)

## **VI. Staff Reports**

1. Artwork Conservation & Maintenance – Dana Springs reported that the paint graffiti applied to the bronze *El Cid* sculpture in Balboa Park had been removed anonymously.
2. Temporary Exhibits of Artwork – Springs reported that the Executive Director of the Commission received analysis from Commission staff and input from the Park and Recreation Department on The San Diego Museum of Art's proposal to temporarily exhibit a sculpture titled *Spinal Column* by Alexander Calder on the museum's front steps in Balboa Park. The Executive Director has officially authorized the temporary exhibition through June 14, 2012 and notified the exhibitor.
3. Donations of Artwork – Springs reported on the status of the City Heights Documentation public art project, funded by a donation from Niki de St. Phalle: Commission staff is in the process of researching the feasibility of a suggestion offered by the PAC to transfer the resultant artwork to a nonprofit organization. Spring reported that all indicators so far point to this being a feasible option. In response to Springs' report, the PAC discussed the topic in depth, reversed their opinion, and recommended that the City remain the owner of the resultant artwork. Springs agreed to convey the PAC's new opinion to the Executive Director of the Commission, but communicated that no action could be taken by the PAC on this item and the final decision-making authority lies with the Executive Director.

Springs reported that Biogen Idec donated money to the Library Department's Visual Arts Program to use for commissioning an original artwork for the North University Community Branch Library and Commission staff is assisting by administering the artist's contract. The artist, Dana Montlack was selected through a competitive process administered by the Visual Arts Program staff. The resultant artwork will be accessioned into the Visual Arts Program's collection.

4. Commissioned Public Art Projects – Springs reported that Commission staff is in the process of coordinating the second of two community outreach meetings for the Southcrest Trails Park public art project. Following the meeting, the artists, Ingram Ober and Marisol Rendón will develop their schematic art proposal.

Springs reported that Commission staff is in the process of coordinating the community outreach meeting for the City Heights Square Mini Park public art project. Following the meeting, the artist, Wendell Kling will develop his schematic art proposal.

Springs reported that the public art projects associated with the Fire Station No. 2 a.k.a. Bayside and the Asian Pacific Historic District Gateway remain on hold until further notice.

5. Other Reports – Springs reported on developments related to the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention and the Public Art Preconference scheduled for June 15 – 18, 2011 in San Diego.

## **VII. Member Reports**

1. Constance Y. White reported that the San Diego Airport Art Program is hosting a reception to celebrate the close of the Arts in the Airport Conference and the opening of the Americans for the Art Public Art Preconference. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 and all the PAC members are invited to attend.
2. Joanne Hayakawa reported that the silent auction she participated in raised \$13,000 for Japan relief.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.